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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$216.
  - \$216 for 12 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1056.

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Re Application of:  
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ATTN: Application Branch

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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REMOVING PRODUCTS  
WITH A FIGHT BEAM TO METHOD REMOVING IMPURITIES OR  
IRREGULARITIES IN A CONVEYED STREAM OF THE PRODUCTS  
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Sir:

The following completes the filing of the above-identified patent application under Rule 53(f)/63:

- [X] Rule 53 signed Declaration enclosed.
- [ ] This is a Rule 47 filing per attached Petition.
- [ ] Enclosed: Original signed Declaration with attached specification (including claims) which is a copy of specification/claims originally filed to secure above filing date.
- [ ] Specification originally filed in non-English language; hence verified translation attached of:
- [ ] Abstract [ ] pgs of Specification (only spec. & claims) [ ] Drawing Figs \_\_\_\_\_
- [ ] \_\_\_\_\_ sheet(s) of formal drawings enclosed: size: [ ] A4 [ ] 14" [ ] 8 1/2 by 11
- [X] Attached is an assignment to BEST N.V.
- [ ] Priority is hereby claimed under Rule 55 and 35 U.S.C. 119 based on prior foreign application(s) No(s). \_\_\_\_\_, respectively. filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, respectively.
- Certified copy (copies) [ ] attached; [ ] already filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in U.S. Application, Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
- [ ] Attached: \_\_\_\_\_ Verified Statement(s) establishing "small entity" status under Rules 9 & 27.
- [X] Attached is the requested return copy of the PTO Notice under Rule 53(f)/63
- [ ] Attached:
- [ ] Preliminary Amendment:

**THE FOLLOWING FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY ABOVE CANCELLED  
PER MPEP § 506 AND § 607**

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